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Films Said Transferred S-1 Military Spying Records 'Saved'

CHICAGO (AP) — An Illinois congressman says he has been told microfilms of Army intelligence files on civilians was turned over to another undisclosed military security agency after the files were ordered destroyed by Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor.

Rep. Roman Pucinski, D-Ill., said yesterday he and six other Illinois congressmen have sent a letter to Rep. Chet Holifield, D-Calif., chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, asking for an investigation of spying on civilians by military intelligence agencies. Pucinski declined to say who told him of the alleged record transfer.

A SIMILAR investigation has been scheduled in the Senate by Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C. One of the witnesses invited to the Senate hearings is John M. O'Brien of Evanston, Ill., a former Army intelligence agent who recently said that his former unit had spied on 800 Illinois citizens and groups.

Pucinski said he was concerned that the keeping of such files could lead, in a real or imagined national crisis, to a sudden interment of many civilians similar to the roundup of Japanese-Americans that took place after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pucinski also said he was frightened by the breadth of military spying activities reported by O'Brien.

O'BRIEN said such Illinois political figures as Sen.-elect Adlai Stevenson III, D-Ill., federal Judge Otto Kerner and Rep. Abner J. Mikva, D-Ill., had been kept under surveillance.

Also signing the letter to Holifield were Illinois Reps. John Kluczynski, Edward Derwinski, Frank Annunzio, Melvin Price, Kenneth Gray and John Anderson. Derwinski and Anderson are Republicans, the rest are Democrats.

Mikva was not asked to sign the letter because he was allegedly on the Army surveillance list.